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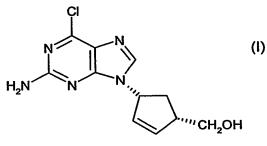
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(57) Abstract: A process for preparing a chloropurine compound of formula (I) or a derivative thereof, which comprises ring closure of the compound of formula (VII) or a derivative thereof in the presence of catalytic acid and at least one equivalent of a formate derivative.